



Ring in the **Good News**

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Pentecost Season

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**You
Might
Have
Noticed**



**Some
Changes
at Church**

Our Independence Day Opportunity

By Fr. Tom Simmons

Turning strangers into friends, into followers of Jesus."

When Jesus looked at the crowd he felt compassion on them. They were like sheep without a shepherd. He called his followers to see their needs and be moved to action to serve them. We live in a big world of overwhelming needs. We want to make a difference, but how? To be effective we must focus on **one** need and then "dig in" together to make a real impact.



People in our community say they're looking for connection with their neighbors, but a lot of people are so busy, or so new to the area, that they don't really have local friends outside their home and work environments. The immediate need we see is to build community in Purcellville.



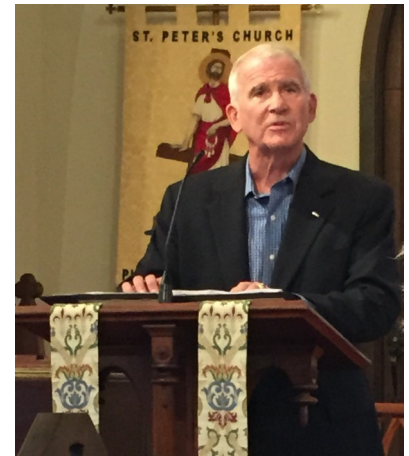
That's our opportunity on Independence Day.

The 4th of July is Purcellville's ultimate civic celebration, with the parade and fireworks. St. Peter's is adding something significant to our neighbors' experience of community in our town. For the fifth year in a row, we're serving up Monks BBQ dinner for hundreds of people, with live bluegrass music. We're singing patriotic songs, praying together for our country, and reading the Declaration of Independence, as a public proclamation by Colonel North. We'll have multiple stations with wacky fun and games.

By inviting the whole community we're creating a place where people can eat with their neighbors and other strangers, share fun and fellowship and prayer together. By individually following up with our guests we have a chance of truly "turning strangers into friends." And because we will offer them an opportunity to enrich their marriage and explore Christian faith, there's a chance we assist them on their journey "...into followers of Jesus."

Thank you SO MUCH to all our teams of volunteers who are helping to make this a success. Thank you especially to Regina Brzozowsky, who organized the event this year. Superb work, Regina!

See you on the 4th: Come for fun. Come to serve. Come with friends.



What's News?

By Fr. Tom Simmons

Good-Bye to Chris & Dawn, Hello to Dan

With Chris and Dawn Daniels moving to Spartanburg, South Carolina, we have hired Dan LaPre to be our Sexton for a six-month trial period. Dan will also provide Custodial services this summer with the possibility of continuing into the fall.



Dan LaPre

Fr Tom's "Baby-Sabbatical"

Due to budget constraints and staff pay reductions, the vestry had to schedule the Rector's sabbatical leave for 2018, instead of 2017. The vestry nevertheless encouraged Fr Tom to carve out some extra time to rest this summer...without budgetary impact. Fr Tom will work at least two days a week – Tuesday and Sunday – in July and August and will take as much time off as feasible between those days each week. This will give him time to pursue woodworking projects, to volunteer at White Sulphur Springs in PA, to set up the new MakerSmith shop in Purcellville, and to help a friend build his barn.

Music Director

After several months of evaluating our options, the Music Committee has recommended, and I have invited, Andrew McGinley to join our staff as Music Director. (See *Music Committee Report on page 6*)

Most of you know Andrew as "the guy with the guitar," but he's much more than that! He has a bachelor's in music performance in brass and choral, is a lifelong trumpeter, has directed high school choirs for many years, and has assembled instrumental ensembles for the Loudoun Chorale and other orchestras. In addition, Andrew is a board-certified music therapist and teaches music to children and teens for a living in the school system and in private lessons. Andrew proved his choir conducting capabilities at St. Peter's by gathering the Resurrection Choir for Holy Week in April.

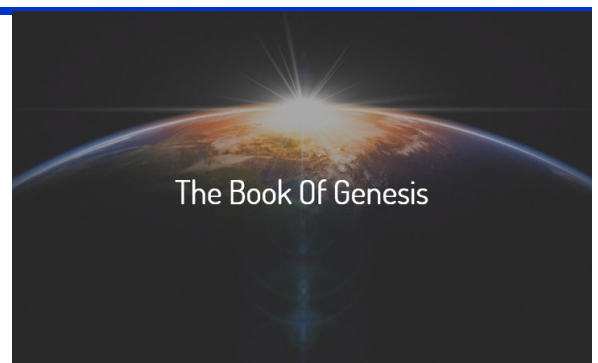
Andrew and I have devised, with Music Committee concurrence, an innovative way of organizing our music program for the year ahead. Accompanied by an organist, Andrew will lead the choir two Sundays each month. In addition, on one Sunday, Andrew will lead hymns with guitar, and on the remaining Sunday the organist will lead hymns. This will offer us more musical variety, which the congregation asked for in last September's music survey. It will set a lighter tempo for the choir, which some have requested. It will provide all the above within our budget constraints this year and next. It will even free up some money to bolster the choir with some paid voice parts.

We will begin the new program in September. Please pray for our Lord's close presence, and guidance, and provision, and protection for Andrew and the choir, and the music committee, which will continue in a supporting role for the music program. It's going to be an exciting year!

Introducing Genesis

By Fr. Tom Simmons

Modern readers are likely to be familiar with selected parts of Genesis. Most, however, struggle to comprehend how the disparate elements of the book combine to form a unified account. As in our lectionary, individual episodes are often read in isolation, without seeing how the larger literary context shapes each passage. The information that follows, adapted from the *ESV Study Bible*, will help you grasp the big picture of Genesis this summer.



At the center of this picture is the family line that forms the backbone of the entire book. The importance of this family cannot be overstated. Beginning in 3:15, the offspring of the woman becomes the source of hope to defeat the serpent and restore the earth and everything in it. This lineage runs through Seth to Noah, a "righteous man" (6:9) that God saved through the flood. From Noah, the family line moves to Abraham, in

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Nosotros Somos Bendecidos! (We are Blessed!)

By Bob Loker

Our Guatemala Mission Team returned to Purcellville tired but blessed on Sunday, June 25th, after engaging in a week of mercy ministry to the Mayan people in the highlands surrounding beautiful Lake Atitlan, Guatemala. We were hosted by **Todd Erickson** of Casa del Redentor (Redeemer's House) and stayed in the small lakeside town of Panajachel. The ministry of Casa del Redentor in Panajachel focuses on providing nutritional meals for undernourished Mayan children in a nearby village twice weekly, and teaching children how to read. While the primary language in the area is Quiche, a Mayan language, the children learn to read and speak Spanish in school. However, most drop out by the sixth grade.



Lake Atitlan, Guatemala



Feeding Center Ministry of Casa del Redentor

We took down in our luggage a new computer for the Ericksons and about 400 pounds of educational supplies, girls underwear, and dental supplies, which we collected or purchased before the trip with funds provided by supporters.

Our team helped at the feeding center and with the reading program. And we did a photo shoot for church families and students. We also assembled and delivered six beds to persons living in humble, one room adobe homes with dirt floors. Most Mayans have, at best, one bed for a family, and many have no bed at all but sleep on straw mats on the floor.



One of six beds made by the mission team

The Person of Jesus course which we teach here at St. Peter's focuses on the compassion of Christ and during the week the team focuses on seeing needs, feeling Christ's compassion and praying about how Christ would have us answer those needs. Donors to the mission generously provided funds to answer several of these. Immediately after returning to Virginia we sent Todd over \$4000 for specific mercy needs which we had prayed about and selected while we were in Guatemala. These included:



Cheyli

A year's supply of Ensure and physical therapy for **Cheyli**, a young child stricken with cerebral palsy who we have been supporting for three years.

Funds towards hip surgery for **Cheyli**. (Doctors believe she may be able to walk if she has surgery.)

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Funds towards leg surgery for **Maribel**, a fifteen-year-old who fell down school stairs and broke her leg when she was nine. (The surgery will lengthen her bad leg and may allow her to walk without a crippling limp.)

Emergency surgery for **Shirley de Rivas** to remove a dangerous cyst on her ovary. (We have known Shirley for several years. She and her pastor husband head a ministry in Penito, a squatters' community along an abandoned railroad track in Guatemala City.)



Maribel



Travel and lodging for a severely **cross-eyed child** to have eye surgery by a mission surgery team coming to another town.

Hearing exams for **two deaf sisters** to see if there is a possibility of giving them the gift of hearing.



Funds for a local church to help send a mission team to Cuba.

What a blessing to be able to be the hands and feet of Christ in Guatemala. We closed all our prayers while in Guatemala with "Nosotros somos bendecidos!" ("We are blessed!")

Thank you, St. Peter's and others who contributed to this trip!

Bob Loker, Haley Alcock, Emily Battleson, Gillian Bishop, Kelly Cockrill, Lucy Dickerson, Charlene Lane, Anne Schultz, Steve Schultz, John White with Todd & Maureen Erickson



Music Committee Report—July 2017

By Debi Parry

Since saying goodbye to our dear Barbara Verdile in December, the music program at St. Peter's has entered a transitional phase as we began our search for our next Music Director. I'm sure you, like me, have missed the weekly choir anthems and chanted psalms during Sunday worship. However, we have been blessed to have a number of guest organists over this period of time as well as the beautiful music provided by our Resurrection Choir during our Easter celebration.

During the last six months, your Music Committee has been hard at work to find our next Music Director. We met weekly to formulate and publish a job posting which attracted some amazing and talented musicians. We carefully considered each of these candidates and found that we really didn't have to look too far to find a perfect fit. Our recommendation to Father Tom was unanimous and fortunately he agreed!

This fall to start the program year, **Andrew McGinley** will be joining us in the role of Music Director. As you know, Andrew has long been a friend of St. Pete's. We've seen him at the Blessing of the Animals, at our 4th of July Celebration, and on various Sunday occasions to provide music to us. Further, it was Andrew who provided the leadership to our Resurrection Choir and music during this year's Holy Week services.



Andrew McGinley

Andrew is an ordained minister in the Episcopal Church and has previously served as Music Director within a church setting. Andrew has also taught for many years as a Music Instructor and Choir Director for Loudoun County Public Schools.

Andrew has asked that his appointment be considered a one year relationship between the church and himself. This will allow time for the church to explore something different for the music program and will allow Andrew and his family to see if this is a commitment that would work for them long term.

As you see Andrew, we hope that you will give him a hearty St. Pete's welcome!

St. Peter's Music Committee

Debi Parry

Marina Liburdi

Sophiann Nunaley

Linda Stoutenburgh

Bill Gibson

Joe Matthews

Peter Schellhase

Michael Whitnah

Life began in a
GARDEN

One of the first things God created was a garden. Unfortunately, St. Peter's sometimes looks more like a "Garden of Weedin" than the beautiful Garden of Eden! *We need help!*

Genesis 2:15 tells us *"The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it."* Well, we're looking for some men & women to do just that with St. Peter's grounds.

Join St. Peter's Garden Guild!

We need workers and we also need someone to take over the lead of the Garden Guild from Beth Gibson, who is retiring after several years of faithful leadership.

Please contact Beth Gibson to volunteer.

Christian Healing Minister—Becky Dvorak—July 29th



As part of St. Peter's efforts to build Christians for service, and as a unique way to reach out to our larger community, we will be hosting **Becky Dvorak**, an internationally renowned prophetic Christian healer, to conduct a day-long seminar and an evening healing service on **Saturday, July 29th, at St. Peter's Church**. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about claiming the authority we have been given by Jesus to heal the sick and walk in the power of the Holy Spirit. This is an opportunity to strengthen our healing ministry, and reach out to others in a new and powerful way. Becky's recent seminars have drawn people from across the nation.

Becky is a prophetic healing evangelist who equips the Church and its leaders to walk boldly in the healing power of the Holy Spirit. Join us to claim the miraculous power Jesus gave his disciples. This will be a day of learning and having your questions answered on Christian healing.

Plan on arriving around 8am for parking, registration and continental breakfast on site. The seminar will consist of four sessions, each lasting approximately 90 minutes, with refreshments at the breaks and lunch provided on site during the day. The event will conclude around 4:30 pm. Cost is \$25 per person, to cover breakfast, lunch, morning and afternoon break refreshments and other expenses. Gluten free and vegan menu options will be provided.

St. Peter's will host Becky for a separate event, a healing service to be held at 7 pm the same day, Saturday July, 29th. There is no charge for the evening service, however due to limited space, registration is required, which is separate from the seminar registration. The evening service registration is available on a separate Eventbrite site. Be sure to register for both events separately if you wish to attend. **Visit our website at www.stpetes.net for a link to the registration sites.**

Becky will have books and CDs for sale at the church, she charges no money for her training or healing services. Becky will also be joining St. Peter's healing liturgy during the Sunday morning services, July 30th.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

Becky's recent seminars have drawn people from across the nation; we expect there will be significant interest in attending. We will need several volunteers from St. Peter's to assist with setup, including tents and tables/chairs in the parking lot for lunch, as we may be getting up to three hundred participants. **Anyone who is able to volunteer for the day, and setup, will have the seminar fee waived. Contact Dave Hunt to volunteer** (davehunt001@gmail.com) or for more information on either of these events.

For more information on Becky and her ministry, please visit her website: www.authorbeckydvorak.com

Reserve your place now! Visit www.stpetes.net

- **Healing Seminar: 8:00am—4:30pm, Cost \$25, Registration required**
- **Healing Service: 7:00pm, Free, Registration required**

VBS June 2017: MAKER FUN FACTORY

By
Kathleen Voss

"This is the best VBS!" said Sarah Staggs, right after the skit and on her way to the Bible Center. What a wonderful compliment! Sarah's words and other positive remarks provided by the kids and parents, most from outside our St. Peter's family, reinforces the positive impact that our VBS provides to the Purcellville community.

This year our theme was Maker Fun Factory! The kids learned that they were created by God and built for a purpose! It was an amazing adventure that allowed the kids (and grownups) to deepen their faith and remember that God made each of us!

Each day or session had its own theme which was reinforced through song, Bible, craft, science, skit and even snack,:

**GOD MADE YOU
GOD IS FOR YOU
GOD IS ALWAYS WITH ME
GOD WIL ALWAYS LOVE YOU
GOD MADE YOU FOR A REASON**

Each day our Bible Center teachers lovingly broke down these themes in a way for each age group to understand. Bible Center leaders **Tamara Tyler, Briana Tyler, Cindy Coffey, Dan Lapre and Chris Lafferty** (with help from lovely Layla) provided amazing, hands on instruction to these children. We are blessed to have these talented and caring individuals in our midst!

This year, I was grateful to have **Tricia Smith** back on the registration table! Tricia is a huge asset to the team...her organizational skills and attention to details, all done with a loving heart and warm smile, put the kids at ease as soon as they stepped in the door!



The VBS Skit is always one of the most anticipated parts of the week and this year The VBS Players (**Megan Czaban and Madigan Voss**) did not disappoint! This talented duo began rehearsing in June, juggling hectic sports and school schedules to make it to rehearsal once a week. Each day the kids and volunteers followed the antics of Madi and Anna in the Invention Studio. Our actors and director were successful at building excitement, making us laugh and helping to bring each day's lesson into focus. Special thanks to goes to **Josh Smith**, our resident Sound and Special Effects Tech! He keeps the audio and visuals right on the mark!



We welcomed **Debi Parry** as our Music Director this year! Music is always at the heart of the VBS and thanks to Deb it was once again in tune! Debi started listening to and planning the music in the late spring and helped the sounds of VBS come to life!

Regina Brzozowsky is the Queen of Crafts! She began preparation early in the spring and her organization and dedication are greatly appreciated! Each day a new craft,



also reflecting the day's theme, was created. Craft is a huge component of VBS and parents often comment on the crafts and how excited

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their children were to bring home each new days accomplishment! **Megan Smith and Olivia Smith** assisted Regina as youth volunteers. Each young lady provided hands on help to our campers.

Clarissa Staggs spent almost the entire VBS outside!!! In charge of our games center... her creativity and enthusiasm was contagious! When I



asked the children for "favorite things in the day" games was first on the list! Especially the SLIME!!! Assisted by the wonderful **Ethan Erickson** and lovely **Adriana Erickson** with help from **Joey** games continue to be fun and lively!



The fun didn't stop in the Snack Center!!! **Debi Parry** and **Sophiann Nunaley** helped to purchase the

necessary snack items and organize them for the Snack Center. This is no easy feat! They prepared and served snacks to nearly 40 children and breakfast to over 20 volunteers! Special thanks to those in the congregation, who purchased bananas, goldfish, juice boxes, watermelons, candy, apples, marshmallows and other snacks for the campers



and those who took the time to prepare delicious breakfast items for the staff! I think I ate my way through VBS 2016 and 2017 was no different!



I would also like to thank **Tait Simmons** and her lovely sister and sister in law, **Sarah Katz** and **Ellen North**. Tait is always willing to assist us with the very important job of overseeing Kiss and Ride at the end of each day! Believe me, no small task! Other members of the congregation helped with set design, set up registration, moral support and behind the scenes help... they are **Keith Brzozowsky, Tred Parry, Henry Simmons, Deana Czaban, John Corbett, The Falatko Family, Mark and John Matthews and Josh Smith**.



Special thanks also to **Wanda Juraschek** for documenting VBS with photographs and videos (see www.facebook.com/stpetes/) and always providing moral support and keeping us on task! Not always an easy thing to do

When all was said and done, over 40 members of the St. Peter's community, many of them young people, helped to provide snacks and meals, donated money or props, taught Bible classes, directed the play, helped to move furniture, manned the registration desk, purchased and organized the craft area, led the musical program, printed marketing materials, served food, vacuumed, cleaned and decorated.... And on and on and on!

Thank you, thank you to all for your tireless dedication and support of this worthwhile event! I also encourage new faces to get involved next year... talk to the people listed in this article, I think that you will find contributing your talents to VBS is especially rewarding.

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whom all the families of the earth will be blessed (12:1–3). When God establishes the covenant of circumcision with Abraham, the divine promise of blessing is linked to a future royal descendant traced through Abraham's son Isaac, and then through Isaac's son Jacob, and then through Jacob's twelve sons, with special attention to Joseph.

Typically, in ancient genealogies, the promise of blessing is given to the firstborn son. In Genesis, however, this is upended at critical junctures: Jacob is chosen over Esau, Joseph over Reuben, and Ephraim over Manasseh. Beyond Genesis, the line of Ephraim assumes leadership of Israel when Joshua leads the people into the land of Canaan. In the time of Samuel, however, the Ephraimites are rejected when God chooses David to establish the first dynasty of kings in Israel (see Ps. 78:67–72), through whom would be born Jesus of Nazareth, (Matt. 1:1; see Acts 3:25–26; Gal. 3:16). Genesis is the foundation on which the rest of the Bible stands.

Place in the Pentateuch

The first five books of the Bible are called by the Jews “the Law,” and by Christians “the Pentateuch” or “the Five Books of Moses.” The overall theme of the Pentateuch is God's covenant with Israel through Moses, which established Israel as a nation where God's directives rule the civil, social, and religious spheres for the sake of the whole world. The first audience of the Pentateuch was Israel in the wilderness (either the generation that left Egypt or their children). Genesis, as the first volume of this first section of the Bible, orients the reader to the rest of the Pentateuch, and thus to the rest of the Bible. It explains, in story form, the nature and character of God, and the place of man in God's creation. It portrays the origin of sin and its consequences, and God's reaction to it. It records the call of Abraham, through whom God's redemptive purpose would reach the whole world, and traces the lineage of the nation of Israel. The fact that Yahweh is the universal Creator shows why Israel can have a message for all mankind. At the same time Genesis sets out models of behavior, both in its opening chapters and in the examples of the patriarchs' faithful obedience.

Genesis is therefore a book of instruction, and this is why Jews include it in the Law, for the Hebrew word *torah*, usually translated “law,” has the broader sense of “instruction.” It can rightly be considered the “First Book of Moses” because of its role as the prelude to the following four books,

Exodus to Deuteronomy, which are structured around the life of Moses. As explained in the Introduction to the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible are foundational to the rest, and Genesis is the foundation of the Pentateuch.

Arrangement of the Book

Genesis divides into two major sections: (1) the primeval history of the world before Abraham (chs. 1–11); (2) the history of the patriarchs (chs. 12–50). The proportions of the two sections are significant: essentially chapters 1–11 are setting the stage for the main drama, namely, God's dealings with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and his sons—the subject of chapters 12–50.

Genesis is about beginnings and generations. Starting with the divine ordering of creation, it follows for many generations a family line that takes the reader from Adam to Jacob and his sons (see diagram). This family line forms the backbone of Genesis, links its disparate elements into a cohesive whole, and explains the distinctive literary features that set it apart from other OT narrative books.

One of the interesting features of Genesis is its organization. Each section of the book is headed with these words: “These are the generations of ...”. Each heading is like a zoom lens that focuses attention on a smaller part of the story in the preceding section, and introduces the section that follows. With each set of “generations” the reader's attention is constantly being directed toward one particular person in each generation and his descendants.

Theme

The theme of Genesis is creation, fall, and restoration. It tells how God created the world as very good, but that it was destroyed in the flood as a result of man's disobedience. The new world after the flood was also spoiled by human sin (ch 11). The call of Abraham, through whom all the nations would be blessed, shows that God's purpose will triumph through Abraham's descendants (ch 49). There are several additional key themes:

1. The Lord God created the earth to be his dwelling place, and commissioned human beings as his priestly representatives to fill the earth and caringly govern the other creatures (1:1–2:25).
2. Abandoning their priestly and royal duties, the human couple rebelled against the Creator by acting on the serpent's suggestions. Their willful disobedience radically affected human nature and the harmonious order of creation (3:1–24; 6:5–6).
3. God graciously announced that the woman's offspring will redeem humanity from the serpent's

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tyranny. Genesis then traces a unique family line, highlighting how its members enjoy a special relationship with God and are a source of blessing to a world that lies under the curse of God (3:15; 4:25; 5:2; 6:8–9; 11:10–26; 12:1–3; 17:4–6; 22:16–18; 26:3–4, 24; 27:27–29; 28:14; 30:27–30; 39:5; 49:22–26).

4. As a result of the man's disobedience, his unique relationship with the ground degenerates, resulting in hard toil and even famine. While Genesis graphically illustrates the effects of this broken relationship, it also portrays the special family line as bringing relief from such hardship (3:17–19; 5:29; 9:20; 26:12–33; 41:1–57; 47:13–26; 50:19–21).

5. While the woman's punishment centered on pain in bearing children (3:16), women play an essential role in continuing the unique family line; with God's help even barrenness is overcome (11:30; 21:1–7; 25:21; 29:31–30:24; 38:1–30).

6. The corruption of human nature caused families to be torn apart as brotherly affection is replaced by resentment and hatred (4:1–16; 13:5–8; 25:22–23, 29–34; 27:41–45; 37:2–35). Although Genesis highlights the reality of family strife, the members of the family line have the potential to be agents of reconciliation (13:8–11; 33:1–11; 45:1–28; 50:15–21).

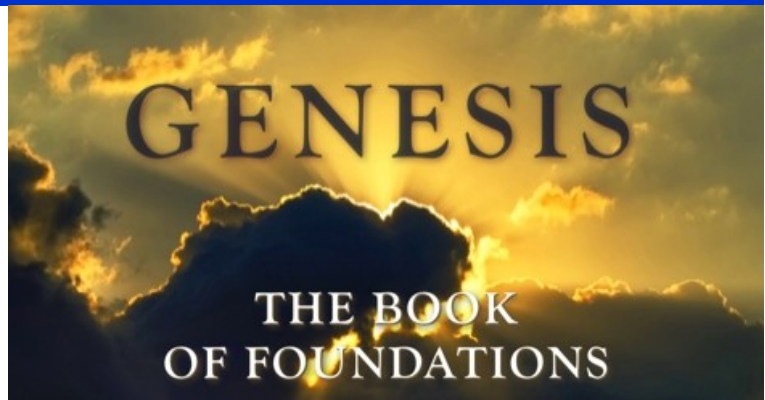
7. Though God used the human exile from Eden and dispersion throughout the earth to punish wickedness (3:22–24; 4:12–16; 11:9), the promise of land is a sign of divine favor (12:1–2, 7; 13:14–17; 15:7–21; 26:2–3; 28:13–14; 50:24).

8. Although God is prepared to destroy almost the whole of humanity because of its corruption (6:7, 11–12; 18:17–33), he still desires that the earth should be populated by persons who are righteous (1:28; 8:17; 9:1, 7; 15:1–5; 17:2; 22:17; 26:4; 28:3; 35:11; 48:4).

Reading Genesis in the Twenty-first Century

The book of Genesis originated thousands of years ago—a fact easily forgotten when it is read in a modern English translation. It was composed in an age and culture far removed from the experiences of modern readers. Allowance must be made for this distance. While modern English translations attempt to bridge this gap, it is not always possible to replicate the nuances and wordplays of the Hebrew original. Moreover, Genesis employs literary techniques not commonly used today. Woven into stories set in an ancient Near Eastern culture, these features present obstacles that can be overcome only through patient study of the text.

Genesis has often been a battleground in modern western societies between “science” and “religion” and between “history” and “myth.” When faced with



these polarities it is helpful to remember two things. First, these are false dichotomies asserted by secularists to marginalize Christian faith in modern society. There is no inherent contradiction between “science” and “faith”. In fact, it is only in Christian-infused cultures that the scientific method and technological advances have developed and thrived. Genesis and the rest of the Bible – not Hindu, Buddhist, Animist, Confucian, or Islamic cultures – provide the unique mental architecture and social values and institutions that gave birth to science. Christian faith made science possible, and so much else we take for granted in the “advanced world.”

Second, Genesis was written to answer questions that ancient people were asking, not the questions modern people often ask. Like any other part of the Bible, Genesis is limited and selective in the information it conveys, and therefore, it doesn't tell readers everything we want to know. Genesis 1, for instance, does not address the mechanics of creation. Rather, it simply says that God brought the heavens and the earth into being by means of his spoken word (“And God said”); and it explains that God ordered the earth in terms of time and space, and functions for all creatures great and small. It reveals that human beings were created by God and appointed as God's representatives on earth, to rule it for his glory and the benefit of all creation. It describes these things in terms that were not intended for a modern scientific audience. Genesis was written for an ancient audience, contrasting Yahweh's creative process with the Egyptian and Babylonian ideas that dominated the ancient world. It speaks that ancient language of “myth” but is also clearly assumed to be reliably read as what we could call “history.”

Genesis is the foundation stone of a grand structure of God's creation. It is the first chapter of the sweeping narrative of creation, fall, and redemption—a story that reached a glorious climax in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The entire Bible and the daily life of Christians is founded on the story that begins in Genesis.

Friendship Snack Mix



Life is more interesting when you have a diverse "mix" of friends. Show your variety of buddies how much they mean to you by making this snack for (or with!) them.

What you need:

- 1 cup fish-shaped crackers
- 1 cup chocolate Chex
- 1 cup mini pretzels
- 1 cup peanut butter crackers
- ½ cup mini M&M's
- Large bowl
- Snack-sized zippered baggies
- Permanent markers
- Foam stickers

What you do:

1. Mix all the food in the bowl.
2. Write a personalized message on each baggie. Decorate with stickers.
3. Measure some snack mix into each baggie. Seal them shut.
4. Share this snack with your friends!



Friends in the Lord

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." It's important to choose friends who help us be more like Jesus. How many words can you make from the word *friendship*?

F R I E N D S H I P

2-letter words: _____

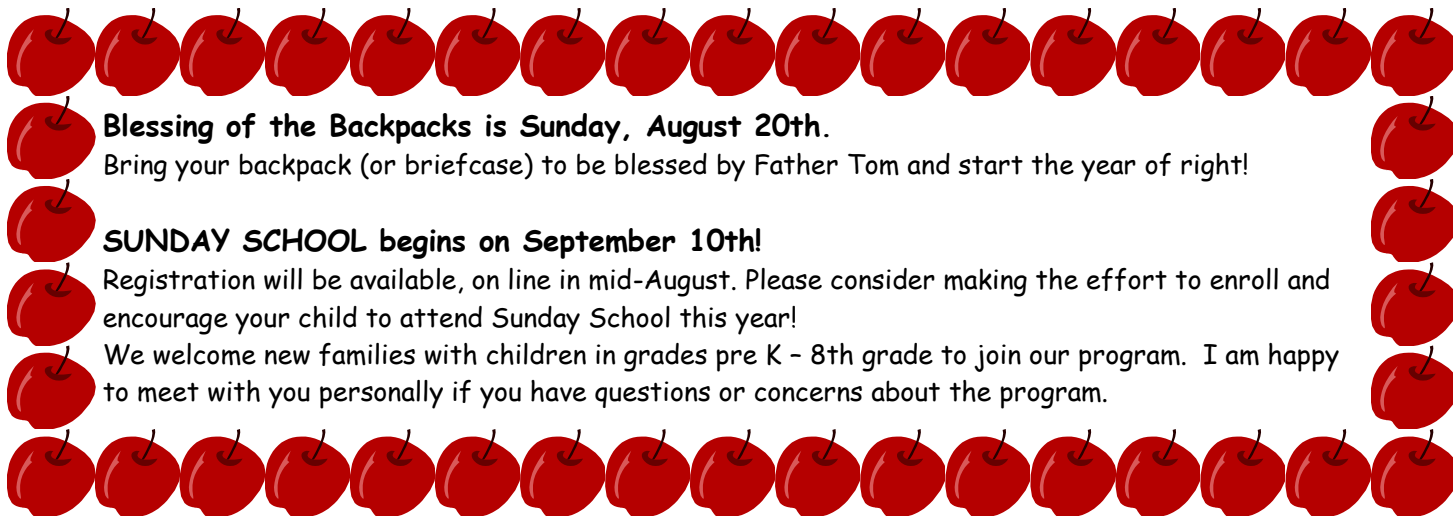
3-letter words: _____

4-letter words: _____

5-letter words: _____

Words with 6 or more letters: _____

Answers include: in, is, hi, he; hip, end, sip, dip, nip, nip, pie, sit, hid; ship, send, ride, dine, find, fine, drip, shed, dish, fish, nud, npe, hide, fried, pride, siren, fresh, ferns; friend, fisher, diners, nused, shine, finish, shinier, insider, hinders, inspired, reflash, finished



Blessing of the Backpacks is Sunday, August 20th.

Bring your backpack (or briefcase) to be blessed by Father Tom and start the year of right!

SUNDAY SCHOOL begins on September 10th!

Registration will be available, on line in mid-August. Please consider making the effort to enroll and encourage your child to attend Sunday School this year!

We welcome new families with children in grades pre K - 8th grade to join our program. I am happy to meet with you personally if you have questions or concerns about the program.



St. Peter's JULY SERVING SCHEDULE

		July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
		4 Pentecost	5 Pentecost	6 Pentecost	7 Pentecost	8 Pentecost
LECTOR	Early	Calvin Smith	Terry Duhring	Drew Lavan	Calvin Smith	Kyle Voss
	Late	Mark McKinley	Jon Corbett	Linda Stoutenburgh	Lauren Hunt	Liz Tuohy
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Early	Sophiann Nunaley, Jaq Whalen	VOLUNTEER NEEDED, Terry Duhring	Judy Hall, Sophiann Nunaley	NA	Jaq Whalen, Paul Donohue
	Late	Lauren Hunt, Nick Moore	Randy Stoutenburgh, Lauren Hunt	Dan LaPre, Jonathan LaPre	NA	Randy Stoutenburgh, Lauren Hunt
SUB DEACON	Early	Tanya Matthews	Tim Hall	Buddy Andrews	NA	Tanya Matthews
	Late	Tom Coate	Dave Hunt	Linda Stoutenburgh	NA	Tom Coate
INTERCESSOR	Early	Sophiann Nunaley	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Dell Nunaley	HL	Kelly Cockrill
	Late	Jon Coate	Randy Stoutenburgh	Traci Eddinger	HL	Marty Thompson
ACOLYTES	Early	Adam & Eric Gibson, James Nunaley	Aubrey & Addie Winger, John Matthews	Joshua, Megan & Olivia Smith, Mark Matthews	Aubrey & Addie Winger	Joshua, Megan & Olivia Smith, James Nunaley
	Late	Lauren Hunt, Jon Coate	Jonathan LaPre, Grace Falatko	George & Henry Simmons, Lexi Eddinger	Dan LaPre, Lauren Hunt, Jon Coate	Jonathan LaPre, Grace Falatko
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Early	Mark & Nancy Baker	Paula Reardon & Gary Simpson	Cindy Coffey, Linda Turner	Mark & Clarissa Staggs	Larry & Linda Turner
	Late	Jimmy & Traci Eddinger	Sven Johnson & Pat Long	Kurt & Melissa Nordstrom	Thomas & Heidi Grisius	Randy & Linda Stoutenburgh
USHERS	Early	Todd & Pam Johnston	Dick Wilhelm, Zan Shah	Rick & Kelly Cockrill	Mark & Nancy Baker	Bill & Beth Gibson
	Late	Steve & Anne Schultz	Keith & Regina Brzozowsky	Billy Dillon, Jimmy Eddinger	Jim Heim, Bob Ryan	Mark & Katie McKinley
GREETERS	Early	John & Debby Caulfield	Rebecca Smoot	Dell Nunaley	Rebecca Smoot	Ron Clark
	Late	Debi Parry	Tom Coate	Traci Eddinger	Steve Schultz	Jon Corbett
TELLERS		Pat Long & Sven Johnson	Howard & Linda Evans	Jim & Maggie Heim	Steve & Sally Falatko	TBD
ALTAR GUILD		Nancy Dillon, Judy Hall, Una LaPre, Linda Turner, Justine Phelan	Nancy Dillon, Judy Hall, Una LaPre, Linda Turner, Justine Phelan	Bobbie Wilhelm, Jean Kuhns, Ruth Ensor, Mari Campbell	Bobbie Wilhelm, Jean Kuhns, Ruth Ensor, Mari Campbell	Bobbie Wilhelm, Jean Kuhns, Ruth Ensor, Mari Campbell

If you are unable to fulfill your ministry on a day you are assigned, please

(1) find your replacement and (2) notify the church office of the change in schedule. Thank you for serving!

JULY Anniversaries and Birthdays

ANNIVERSARIES

7-1	Don & Krista Winger
7-2	Keith & Regina Brzozowsky Mary Paul & John Jones
7-11	Rick & Kelly Cockrill
7-15	Charles Baugh & Jane Mitchell-Baugh Kurt & Melissa Nordstrom
7-16	Sven Johnson & Pat Long
7-19	Mark & Clarissa Staggs
7-30	John & Carrie Marie Burden

BIRTHDAYS

7-3	Ethan Erickson
7-6	John Burden Bridget Wagstaff
7-7	Jon Coate
7-8	Tanya Matthews
7-10	Lola McKinley
7-11	Liam McKinley
7-14	Tom Coate Shea Voss
7-15	Amanda Daly Grayson O'Neil
7-16	Keri Holdorf
7-17	Colt Nordstrom Calvin Smith
7-19	Kent Bailey
7-21	David Matuszewski
7-22	Jen Casey
7-23	Dan LaPre
7-24	Jimmy Eddinger
7-27	Joe Babb
7-28	Ron Clark
7-29	Katie McKinley Henry Simmons

Mark Your Calendar!

July 1 July 4	Men's Prayer Breakfast 7am 4th of July Parade 12:30pm 4th of July Fun & Games 4pm 4th of July BBQ 5:30pm 4th of July Prayer Service 7pm
July 5	Missions Committee Mtg. 5:30pm Vestry Ministry Mtg. 6:30pm
July 11	Vestry Exec Mtg. 6:30pm
July 13	Evening Prayer 7pm
July 15	Men's Leadership Mtg. 7am
July 17	Mt. Calvary Guild 10am
July 18	Vestry Mtg. 7pm
July 23	Newsletter Deadline Healing Liturgy
July 26	Pastoral Care Team Mtg. 5pm
July 27	Evening Prayer 7pm
July 28	Men's TGIF
July 29	Healing Seminar 8am Healing Service 7pm



Revised Common Lectionary Readings for JULY

Date	Sunday	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel
2	4 Pentecost	Genesis 22:1-14	13	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
9	5 Pentecost	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67	45: 11-18	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
16	6 Pentecost	Genesis 25:19-34	119:105-112	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
23	7 Pentecost	Genesis 28:10-19a	139: 1-11, 22-23	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
30	8 Pentecost	Genesis 29:15-28	105:1-11, 45b	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



Sun

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						1 Men's Breakfast
2 HOLY EUCHARIST Adult CF Class Youth Group	3		5 HOLY EUCHARIST Mission Team Mtg Vestry Ministry Mtg	6 Next Step Community	7	8
9 HOLY EUCHARIST Adult CF Class	10		12 WORSHIP SERVICE	13 Next Step Community EVENING PRAYER	14	15 Men's Leadership Mtg.
16 HOLY EUCHARIST Adult CF Class	17 Mt. Calvary Guild	18 Vestry Mtg	19 WORSHIP SERVICE	20 Next Step Community	21	22
23 Newsletter Deadline MORNING PRAYER & Healing Liturgy Adult CF Class	24	25	26 WORSHIP SERVICE PC Team Mtg	27 Next Step Community EVENING PRAYER	28 Youth Movie Night Men's TGIF	29 Healing Seminar Healing Service
30 HOLY EUCHARIST Adult CF Class Literary Guild Mtg	31					

KEY: CF = Christian Formation; PC=Pastoral Care;



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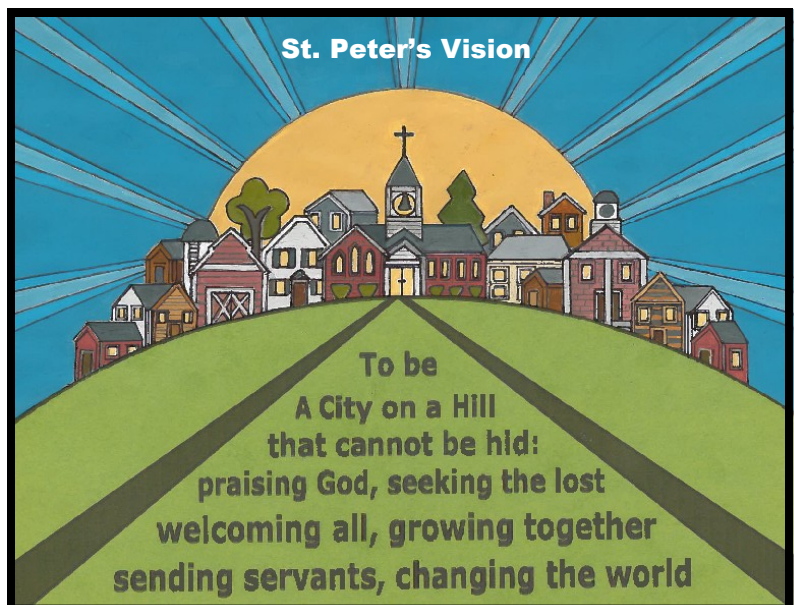
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